

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1386
By Swafford

A RESOLUTION to commend Elizabeth Parham Robnett for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as the Bledsoe County Historian.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Parham Robnett is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as the Bledsoe County Historian, Elizabeth Parham Robnett has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, a daughter of James F. Robnett and Addie Swafford Robnett, Ms. Robnett is the sister of Sara Robnett Poulson, James F. Robnett, Jr., Hannah T. Robnett Schoolfield, John S. Robnett, and Francis Sue Robnett; and

WHEREAS, a Tennessee native born in 1919 on the family farm in Bledsoe County, where she still resides with her sister Sue, Elizabeth Robnett attended John A. Patten High School in Bledsoe County. She is a graduate of Tennessee Technological University and obtained a master's degree and an Education Specialist degree in History from Peabody College in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, returning to Bledsoe County after completing her education, Ms. Robnett embarked on a teaching career that spanned forty-two years; she taught history for thirty years at Bledsoe County High School and dedicated twelve years to Pikeville Elementary School, where she gave her time as the coach of the eighth grade boys and girls basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, throughout her inspirational tenure in education, Ms. Robnett also committed herself to learning more about the people and history of Bledsoe County; in

recognition of her expansive knowledge of local history, the Bledsoe County Board of Commissioners appointed her as the Bledsoe County Historian in July of 1965; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Robnett has now served forty-one years as the Historian, and has authored two books focusing on the history of Bledsoe County and is now working on a third which will relate the lives of the pioneers of Bledsoe County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her personal exploration into the history of Bledsoe County, Ms. Robnett is a member of the Daughters of 1812, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Colonial Dames 17th Century, and the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Robnett's remarkable success is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Parham Robnett is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Elizabeth Parham Robnett for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as the Bledsoe County Historian and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.